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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD, PA

SUBJ: PARAGUAYAN ACCESSION TO GATT COMMODITIES FOR U.S.
REQUEST LIST

REF: STATE 87387, GENEVA 2188, ASUNCION A-25, ASUNCION 968

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT COMMODITIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5 BE INCLUDED ON U.S. REQUEST LIST. IN EMBASSY VIEW, REDUCTION OF DUTIES ON THESE PRODUCTS WOULD FACILITATE U.S. EXPORTS TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN EXPORTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWS GIVING VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE SPECIFIED PRODUCTS FOR 1974 AND 1975.

2. WHILE SOME DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED ITEMS ARE INCLUDED ON LIST, MANY WERE OMITTED SINCE THEY USUALLY ENTER PARAGUAY DUTY FREE UNDER SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS. OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL PRODUCTS OF A TECHNOLOGY SUITABLE FOR PARAGUAY WERE NOT INCLUDED SINCE THEY ARE PRODUCED BY SUPPLIERS IN NEIGHBORING ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL. THE LOWER
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FREIGHT COSTS PLUS LAFTA BENEFITS AFFORDED PRODUCTS FROM

THESE COUNTRIES CANNOT BE READILY OFFSET BY TARIFF CONCESSIONS.

3. FOR U.S. INDUSTRY TO OBTAIN SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FROM DUTY BINDINGS ON THE LISTED PRODUCTS, THE COST OF THE GOODS ON THE MARKET SHOULD BE REDUCED BY 25 PERCENT. TO ACHIEVE THIS, WE WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A REDUCTION IN ADDITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY DUTIES AS WELL AS BASIC DUTIES. AS WILL BE NOTED IN THE LISTING, ADDITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY DUTIES, THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SURCHARGE, AND OTHER CHARGES SUCH AS PORT AND STATISTICAL FEES, ETC. OFTEN AMOUNT TO MANY TIMES THE BASIC DUTY ITSELF. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR ITEM NO. 85.05, THE RATE OF DUTY IS ZERO. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL DUTY OF 15 PERCENT, A COMPLEMENTARY DUTY OF 12 PERCENT, AN EXCHANGE SURCHARGE OF 36 PERCENT, AND OTHER TAXES OR COMMISSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS RANGING FROM 16 TO 40 PERCENT. THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF DUTY FOR THIS DUTY FREE ITEM IS 79 PERCENT. CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF IMPORTERS MUST PREPAY SALES AND OTHER TAXES AMOUNTING TO UP TO 24 PERCENT, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 103 PERCENT. THESE CHARGES ARE LEVIED ON 120 PERCENT OF THE F.O.B. VALUE, AN APPROXIMATION OF C.I.F. VALUE.

4. ITEMS SPECIFIED IN STATE 87387 CURRENTLY ARE SOLD ON THE LOCAL MARKET IN SMALL AMOUNTS, AND HAVE BEEN INCLUDED ON THE LIST IN PARAGRAPH 5. HOWEVER TARIFF REDUCTIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN U.S. SALES SINCE PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND MEXICO ARE MUCH MORE COMPETITIVE.

5. LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR U.S. REQUEST LIST:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DUTIES	ADDIT	COMPL	EXCHANGE
		SURCHARGE			
51040000	TEXTILES, SYNTHETIC	12	7.5	10	8
53110000	TEXTILES, WOOL	12	7.5	10	8
82040000	HAND AND METAL SHOP				
	TOOL	5	5	5	12
82050000	INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS				
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	FOR TOOLS	0	15	12	36
82110002	NON ELECTRIC RAZOR				
	BLADES	5	7.5	12	8
84060202	OUTBOARD AND INBOARD				
	MARINE ENGINES	9	7.5	138	12
84120000	AIR CONDITIONERS	8.25	7.5	12	12
84150101	HOME REFRIGERATORS	7.5	7.5	10	6
84510102	ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS	16.5	15	24	36

84520102 ELECTRIC CALCULATING
MACHINES 11 15 24 36
84520103 ELECTRIC CALCULATING
MACHINES 10 7.5 12 6
84528902 CASH REGISTERS 11 15 24 36
84530000 COMPUTERS, MINI-
COMPUTERS 11 7.5 12 18
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8505 LAND POWER TOOLS AND 0 15 12 36
MACHINES
85060101 ELECTRIC FANS, AIR
EXHAUSTERS 13 7.5 12 18
85070101 ELCTRIC RAZORS 10 7.5 8 12
85150201 TV SETS; TV-RADIO SETS 12 7.5 8 12
85150202 RADIO RECEIVERS;
RADIO RECORDERS 12 7.5 8 12
85158902 RADIO TRANSCEIVERS 12 7.5 8 12
87060000 TRUCKS AND AGRI-
CULTURAL TRACKER PARTS
AND ACCESSORIES 5.5 7.5 6 5

90100201 PHOTOCOPYING MACHINES 11 7.5 12 36

92010102 WATCHES WITH PRECIOUS

METAL PLATEC CASES 7.5 7.5 8 12

91010103 WATCHES WITH OTHER

TYPE CASES 7.5 7.5 8 12

97070001 FISHING HOOKS 7.5 7.5 8 12

97070002 FISHING RODS 7.7 7.5 8 12

98030102 FOUNTAIN PENS 10 7.5 12 12

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98030199 FOUNTAIN PENS 10 7.5 12 12

98030201 BALLPOINT PENS 5 7.5 12 12

ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO OTHER TAXES, FEES,
COMMISSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS WHICH VARY FROM 16 TO 40 PERCENT
OF THE C.I.F. VALUE.

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